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Main Entry: **ro·tate** 🗨

Pronunciation: 'rO-"tAt, especially British rO-"

Function: *verb*

Inflected Form(s): **ro·tat·ed**; **ro·tat·ing**

Etymology: Latin *rotatus*, past participle of *rotare*, from *rota* wheel -- more at ROLL

*intransitive verb*

**1 a** : to perform an act, function, or operation in turn **b** : to pass or alternate in a series

**2** : to turn about an axis or a center : **REVOLVE**; *especially* : to move in such a way that all particles follow circles with a common angular velocity about a common axis

*transitive verb*

**1 a** : to cause to turn or move about an axis or a center **b** : to cause (a plane region or line) to sweep out a volume or surface by moving around an axis so that each of its points remains at a constant distance from the axis <generate a torus by *rotating* a circle about an external line>

**2** : to cause to grow in rotation <*rotate* crops>

**3** : to cause to pass or act in a series : **ALTERNATE**

**4** : to exchange (individuals or units) with others

- **ro·tat·able** 🗨 /'rO-"tA-t&-b&l also rO-" / *adjective*

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